

Recently Deceased: Vera Hodder was cremated at Wyre Forest Crematorium after a service at St Ambrose's on Friday, 17 August. May she rest in peace.

Teas and Coffees: will be provided in the Borrromeo Hall after 9:30 am Mass by the Parents and Toddlers Group, and next Sunday by the Craft Group.

Friends of the Holy Land: are holding their second Charity Garden Party today, Sunday, 19 August, at the home of Anne and John Quinn between 12:30 and 3:00 pm. Tickets are £10 each and will be on sale this week. We will provide a filling barbecue with a variety of salads and a glass of wine. Please come along and support us. At the back of the Church you will find a FHL Newsletter to show how some of the money you have generously helped us to raise has been used for the benefit of our Christian brothers and sisters.

Friendship Club: will be going to The Plough for lunch on Wednesday, 22 August at 12:30 pm. Two courses, £8.95. If you want to join us 'phone Joyce Gavan or Marie Hesketh K748474, or sign the list at the back of Church.

Harvington Pilgrimage: The annual Harvington Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, 2 September. We very much hope that you will support this act of devotion to the Martyrs of the Midlands. This year Bishop Pargeter will be the Principal Celebrant of the Mass, which begins at 3:00 pm. The preacher will be Monsignor Patrick Kilgariff. The Church will be available for Confessions 1:45 – 2:30 pm. It is essential that you bring your own chairs to use in the Hall grounds. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the garden of the Priest's House. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available to all pilgrims on the day, but must be pre-booked. Tours for Parish groups (maximum 20) will take place at the following times: 12:45pm, 1:15pm, 4:15pm, 4:30pm and 4:45pm. Individual pilgrims and groups should book their tours directly with the Hall on (01562) 777846 prior to the day.

Harvington Choir Practice: There will be no choir practice on the Friday prior to the Martyrs' Mass. Choristers are asked to arrive early on the Sunday for a short practice before the Mass begins.

Preparations for Harvington Annual Pilgrimage: If you can spend an hour or two to help with the preparations please contact Ray Barber, the co-ordinator, on K630740. Alternatively, just turn up at Harvington Hall on Friday, 31 August at 6:00 pm or at 10:00 am on Saturday, 1 September. Many thanks.

St Philip's Grammar School: To mark the 125th Anniversary of the opening of St Philip's Grammar School in 1887 there will be High Mass in the Birmingham Oratory at 11:00 am on Saturday, 15 September, after which there will be the unveiling in the Cloister of the restored ceramic panel of St Philip Neri and the Seven Students, and the celebration will end with a buffet lunch for Old Boys and invited guests at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens (tickets £30 per person). Further details 0121-427 2327.

Finances:

- i Thank you for last week's Offertory of £907.08 (Envelope Scheme £353.50, Loose £553.58).

Borrromeo Hall/Adams Lounge: Available for functions of all kinds, parties, receptions. Please contact Mary Preston (07513 295817) or Margaret Blizzard (07742 730680).